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# FORMS OF PRAYER:

Composed on occasion of the

Present Horrid and Unnatural  
REBELLION.

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Recommended to the Use of all, who love their  
God, their KING, and their COUNTRY.

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# INTRODUCTION

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## INTRODUCTION.

**I**N a day of publick calamity, or when dangers threaten a nation, every one who wishes the prosperity of his country, should use his utmost endeavours for the peace and security of it, according to their capacities and the several stations and ranks, wherein they are placed.

There are some by advice and counsel, others by influence and authority, and others by a brave and resolute appearing in arms, on such threatening occasions, may do great service to their King and Country, against the invasions of foreign powers, and against the traiterous insurrections of wicked and rebellious subjects, who neither fear God nor regard man.

But others, who move in a lower sphere of life, and by age or infirmities, by lowness of circumstances, or by other obstructions are not capable of active service, have it however in their power to help their country in perilous times. Every good person may pray and intercede with God in its behalf; and draw down blessings from on high of more importance, than multitudes of men, or warlike preparations.



I therefore call upon all good persons, that they do earnestly implore the Almighty's kind appearance for us at this time; when an invasion is threatned, and an unnatural rebellion is already begun, and alas! has made too great a progress; when a scheme is formed by our most implacable enemies, to deprive us of all our rights and privileges, of every thing that can be dear to us, as men, as Protestants, and as Christians. Sure it is now high time to pray! let every pious person wrestle hard with God, give him no rest, till he appears for us. Let us all in our *families*, and in our *closets*, as well as at *church*, pray for the peace and prosperity of our *Jerusalem*! God is a God hearing prayer: and he is the Lord of Hosts, able to save us, let our Dangers be ever so great. And when all the pious in the land, morning and evening thus address heaven, with their incessant and importunate prayers, who knows, but God may be prevailed upon to arise and plead our cause; and then success is certain.

My Design in publishing the few following forms of prayer is to assist those, who may be glad of some help, and may think it proper, at this juncture, to use something additional to those excellent prayers of our holy church, which they have already in print: and perhaps some others in these nations, who dissent from the establishment of the church of *England*, may not altogether reject the assistance, here offer'd them.— I have heard many of the most sober, pious and moderate of that sort of people, signify that they were not absolutely averse to forms; and indeed some of their ministers have not only recommended upon occasion the *use*, but have also publish'd several such forms.

The prayers are mostly express'd in the language of Scripture; and therefore it is apprehended, they will not be offensive to any serious mind.

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A prayer to GOD, for the preservation of GREAT  
BRITAIN from the *rebels, now in arms at home.*

**A**Lmighty and most merciful God! thou art the sovereign ruler of the world; who dwellest in heaven, and executest judgment on earth! we call upon thee in behalf of our native country in this day of trouble, when many who hate us are risen up against us, with an intent to destroy and ruin us. Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory; O let not the wicked prevail, and such as breathe out cruelty. Arise, O Lord, and plead our cause against a perfidious and rebellious generation. Thou hast often appear'd for these nations, when upon the very brink of ruin; O save us yet again, we beseech thee, O God, and let not our shameful ingratitude provoke thee to give us up. We must confess indeed, that our land has been fill'd with sin against thee; so that thou mightest long ago have cut us off from being a people; it is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed. As therefore thy mercy endureth for ever, O stir up thy strength, and come and save us at this time. We acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against thee; do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us. We are a people called by thy name, Lord leave us not! tho' our iniquities testify against us, yet save us, O God, for thy name sake.

Thou knowest the measures our enemies are pursuing in order to our utter ruin; their most secret counsels lie open before thee. Arise, O Lord God, and let it be seen, that thou art on our side; exert thy self

in our defence : make our proud and insolent enemies know, they are but men ; that there is no counsel, nor strength against the Lord ; that they imagine a vain thing ; O break all their purposes, turn their counsels into foolishness ; ~~weaken their strength, put terror and trembling into~~ their hearts, that they may turn back ashamed : or, do thou speak unto them in thy wrath, and vex them in thy sore displeasure ; and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel ; let them fall and perish at thy presence ; and an effectual stop be speedily put to the attempts of those, who would subject their country to all the dreadful miseries of a popish and arbitrary government.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. Our eyes are up unto thee, our hope and confidence is in the God of *Jacob*. Hear our earnest prayers, we beseech thee, and save us from our merciless adversaries : remember not, O Lord, our offences, neither punish us according to our deserts ; but have mercy upon us, and deliver us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

### A prayer for the preservation of our land from the threatned *foreign invasion*.

**L**Ord of all power and might, thou great and sovereign ruler of all things, look down, we beseech thee, upon our country at this time of danger, and preserve us from the invasion with which our implacable enemies threaten us. All created nature is thine ; and thou canst use any part of it, as instruments of thy wrath to punish the oppressors and tyrants of the earth. If therefore our popish enemies abroad should attempt to execute their cruel designs, and to invade our land, appear for our salvation, we beseech thee, as in times past ; do thou blow with thy wind, make the sea to cover them, and let them sink as lead in the mighty waters, or fill their faces with shame ; let them be confounded and turned back ; let no weapon form'd against  
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us prosper. Be thou, O Lord, the glory in the midst of us, and a wall of fire round about our island: appoint salvation to us for walls and bulwarks: let us be a people saved by the Lord; and make our enemies sensible, that the Lord fighteth for us against them, that those who hate us may flee before thee, and all our enemies may be scattered; as smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melteth before the fire, so let them perish at thy presence, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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### A prayer for the BRITISH FORCES.

**O** Lord God of hosts, we apply to thee in this time of danger, when war is in our land, and our enemies threaten us sore, earnestly imploring thy mercy, and that thou wouldst appear on our side. May our commanders be of one mind, and one heart, make them faithful, and inspire them with wisdom and courage: and may our forces through God do valiantly, by sea and land; yea let God himself tread down our enemies. Let those who jeopard their lives in defence of their country, have their heads covered in the day of battle: Lord, teach their hands to war, and their fingers to fight, make them resolute and brave, and give them the shield of thy salvation, and let thy right-hand hold them up; that, so our enemies may either flee or fall before our conquering forces. May remarkable success attend our armies and our fleets: Lord, do thou go out with them, and may thine almighty power strengthen and support them: and though our enemies boast of their multitudes, may it nevertheless appear, that there be more with us than with them; with them is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles; for then shall one chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight. Appear thus to be on our side, O almighty God, to our joy and the shame of our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A prayer for his majesty king GEORGE, our *only*  
*rightful* and *lawful* SOVEREIGN, and for his ROYAL  
 FAMILY.

**M**Ost gracious God, thou art king of kings, and lord of lords :  
 in this day of danger we earnestly intreat thy favour to our  
 sovereign king *George*, thine anointed servant, whom thou in  
 great mercy and love to these nations hast set king over us, to do  
 judgment and justice. We bless thee, that thou hast preserved him so  
 many years, and that under his mild and righteous government our pri-  
 vileges and liberties have been securely enjoyed, and our peace and  
 tranquillity have been continued, notwithstanding the restless attempts  
 of our enemies. We have lived quietly, every man under his own  
 vine and fig-tree, in the pleasant land which thou hast given us. But  
 now the wicked are risen up in rebellion in favour of an abjur'd  
 popish pretender, contrary to their duty to God and man, in open vio-  
 lation of the laws, in breach of their solemn oaths, and to the manifest  
 overthrow of our constitution. O thou, who sittest in the heavens, look  
 down and behold their wicked rage, see how they set themselves and take  
 counsel against thee and against thine anointed ; laugh at them, O Lord,  
 and have them in derision ! preserve the invaluable life of our sovereign  
 king *George*, protect his person, establish his health, and continue his go-  
 vernment long a public blessing ; support him upon the throne, where  
 thy providence has set him thy king, maintain his right and his cause ;  
 let God Almighty be his constant defence, and through the mercy of  
 the most high let him not be mov'd : let his throne be establish'd in  
 righteousness, and upholden by mercy : give him length of days for  
 ever and ever ; let his glory be great in thy salvation, and make him  
 exceeding glad with thy countenance : clothe his enemies with shame,  
 but upon himself let his crown long flourish.

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Give the King thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness to the king's son. Bless their royal highnesses the prince and princess of *Wales*, their issue, the duke, the princesses, and all the branches of king *George's* family, at home and abroad : let not his lamp ever go out, but grant that the protestant succession in his royal house may abide before God for ever. O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve it : may those, who would make a captain to return into *Egypt*, be again defeated in their designs ; and let there never be wanting one of the king's family, a hearty and zealous protestant, to fill the *British* throne, as long as the sun and moon endure. Grant this, O Lord, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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A prayer for the PRIVY COUNCIL, the PARLIAMENT,  
and *all* that are intrusted with the *direction* of  
public affairs.

**O** God of infinite wisdom, who seest the end from the beginning, and knowest all things ; preside, we beseech thee, in the councils of the nation at this important juncture. May all about the throne have the true interest of *Great-Britain* at heart ! may they have wisdom to discern, and resolution to pursue the things which make for the nation's peace. Counsel our counsellors, and teach our senators wisdom : make it to appear that thou standest in the congregation of the mighty, and judgest among the gods ; and that thou wilt over-rule all public debates and determinations in such a manner, as shall be for thy glory and our safety and happiness at this important season, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A prayer for *magistrates*, and all *inferior officers*  
imploy'd in the service of the government.

**O** Lord God, by thee princes reign ; thou givest them their authority, and by thy favour it is continued to them : may all such as are under the king to administer judgment and justice in the land, be men fearing God and hating covetousness, that judgment may run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream : let them be terrors to evil-doers, and a praise to them who do well : make them zealous in defence of their country, and let them not upon any account treacherously give any advantage to the common enemy ; but whatever difficulties or hazards they are expos'd to, may they resolutely persist in their duty to God, to their king, and to their country, and be faithful to the trust reposed in them ; and will God crown all their endeavours with remarkable success, that so present disorders may be speedily suppressed, peace may be restored within our borders, and prosperity within our palaces. Let no violence, O Lord, be heard in our gates ; but may our walls be called salvation, and our gates praise ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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A prayer for all in *holy orders*.

**O** Lord God, thou art a being of unspotted holiness, and hast no pleasure in the wicked. While we are supplicating thy mercy, we are also earnest with thee to turn away iniquity from our land, to pardon all our crying sins, and to reform us from all our vices ; and in order to this, we beg that our priests may be clothed with righteousness and salvation. That by the holiness of their lives, the purity of their doctrines, and an unwearied diligence in their sacred function, they may

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recommend religion to the people, lead them into the love and practice of all virtue, and a hatred of all sin; instil into them principles of loyalty, and help to warm their breasts with a remarkable zeal for the support of our present happy constitution: and may ministers and people unite as one man in a most vigorous defence of their king and country, against all our enemies. And we beseech thee, O God, give them success, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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A prayer for *all ranks of people* among us.

**O** Lord God, thou hast the hearts of all men in thine hand, and canst turn them as the rivers of water; in this day of danger, may the hearts of all the subjects of this land be strongly united together in the defence of their liberties and privileges: may they lay aside all malice and rancour, all evil-speaking and jealous surmises, all heats and animosities, and discover the true value they have for the religion and laws of their country, by a chearful concurrence in all prudent measures that shall be concerted for the defence of them. O that God would give grace to all people, that they may under this present government lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty: and will God, even our own God, dwell with us and bless us, that we may have still reason to rejoice in being the happy people whose God is the Lord. Hear us, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our father, which art in heaven, &c.

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